



Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board
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Virginia Marine Resources Commission
2600 Washington Avenue
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Dear Recreational Fishing Advisory Board Members:

The Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman Association has reviewed the Spring 2008 proposals submitted to you and would like to express our views on these projects.

Individual Project Comments:

Multi-Year Projects for Renewal:

A. 2008 Sunshine Children's Fishing Program (\$7,194). **SUPPORT**

B. 2008 Saxis & Morley's Wharf Fishing Pier Youth Fishing Tournaments (\$2,500). **SUPPORT.**

C. 2008 Hope House & Oak Grove Nursing Home Fishing Excursions and Clinics (\$4,000). **SUPPORT.**

D. Virginia Marine Sportfish Collection (Year2) (\$12,000). **SUPPORT.**

E. Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-year American Eel, in the Virginia Tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay (Year 8) (\$45,348). **DO NOT SUPPORT.**

funding for this and other related projects on eel research should be sought from the commercial fund.

F. Estimating Relative Juvenile Abundance of Recreationally Important Finfish in the Virginia Portion of Chesapeake Bay. (450,000). **MARGINAL SUPPORT** for this project, it should provide no more than 200k of the stated request.

G. Estimate and Assess Social and Economic Importance and Value of Menhaden to Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders and Region (3 Year Study) (Year 2 \$236,479). **SUPPORT.**

H. Enhancement and Sentinel Reefs for the Virginia Artificial Reef Network (\$153,946). **SUPPORT.**

I. Habitat Suitability for Artificial Recreational Fish and Oyster Reefs (\$61,076). **SUPPORT.**

J. Enhancing Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Habitat: Research and Education for Restoration (\$90,000). **SUPPORT.**

K. 2008 Deployment of Artificial Reef Structure (\$500,000). **SUPPORT.**

New Projects:

L. Buckroe Beach Saltwater Fishing Pier (\$500,000) **SUPPORT, We also support the amendment to their application for the additional \$250,000.**

M. Data collection and analysis in support of single and multispecies stock assessments in Chesapeake Bay: the Chesapeake Bay Multispecies Monitoring and Assessment Program (ChesMMAP) (\$494,928). **SUPPORT**

We appreciate the opportunity to express our views on the disbursement of our state's recreational saltwater license funds.

Thank you for your consideration.

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